

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 has been amended. The attached sheet of formal drawing replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's continued thorough search and examination of the present patent application.

Claims 3-17 are pending in this application. All claims have been rejected.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, a corrected replacement drawing Fig. 1, showing labeling of each element, is attached.

In response to the Examiner's objections to the specification, the specification was amended to include section headings.

The Examiner objected to the Amendment filed on January 19, 2006 under 35 U.S.C. §132(a), as introducing new matter into the disclosure.

In response, the Examiner is directed to originally filed, now cancelled claims 1 and 2. The objected to matter presented on page 3, second paragraph of the January 19, 2006 Amendment is discussed in the second element of claim 2. That element is presented on page 8, lines 19-21 of the originally filed specification and describes the remote synchronized clock as being characterized in that "it has an inbuilt power reserve which allows communication interruptions to be bridged with reduced accuracy".

The objected to matter presented on page 4, first paragraph of the January 19, 2006 Amendment is discussed in claim 1, e.g., element (d). Finally, the objected to matter presented on page 4, second paragraph of the Amendment is discussed in claim 3.

Claims 3-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 15 and 17 were amended to remove the indefinite reference "other." Claim 15 now recites that the central clock and the remote clock are determining measurement data "by the central clock determining a time difference between the time of reception of a signal from the remote clock and the time of the central clock receiving this signal transmitted by the satellite, and by the remote clock determining a time difference between the time of reception of a signal from the central clock and the time of the remote clock receiving the signal transmitted by the satellite."

Similarly, claim 17 now recites that the time difference is "determined by the central clock between the time of reception of the signal transmitted by the satellite from the remote clock and the time of the central clock receiving the signal transmitted by the satellite; and determined by the remote clock between the time of reception of the signal transmitted by the satellite from the central clock and the time of the remote clock receiving the signal transmitted by the satellite".

Thus, Applicants' independent claims 15 and 17 are now allowable. Claims 3-14 and 16 depend directly or indirectly from the above discussed independent claims and are, therefore, allowable for the same reasons, as well as because of the combination of features in those claims with the features set forth in the respective independent claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

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